

Who:	<i>North Yakima Conservation District</i>
What:	<i>NYCD Regular Board Meeting Minutes</i>
When:	<i>2:00 P.M. February 20, 2010</i>
Where:	<i>USDA Ag Service Center 1606 Perry Street - Yakima, WA</i>

Present: NYCD Board members Frank Hendrix, Gail Thornton, Bill Gillespie and Dustin Melius. NYCD staff present: Jackie Whitnall, Mike Tobin, Jeremy Lieb and Brian Schmidt. NRCS staff: Corey Bonsen.

Item	Who	Information Distributed	Action	Time	Outcome
1. Call to Order	Board Chairman	NA		1 min.	
2. Introductions	Self Introductions	NA		2 min.	
3. Review Agenda	Board Chairman	Yes	approve	2 min.	
4. Public Comment	Board Chairman	NA		max. 10 min	Gail Thornton shared with the Board a letter composed by the Farm Bureau in regard to the proposed Bull Trout remand. Discussion. Gail Thornton and Frank Hendrix discussed the Farm Bureau position on Upper Wenas critical habitat designation - discussion. Board discussion on DOE Draft Grazing Manual.
5. Review Minutes	Board / Staff	Yes	review and approve	5 min.	Bill Gillespie made a motion to approve the January 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Frank Hendrix seconded the motion. Carried. Frank Hendrix made a motion to approve the January 25, 2010 Special Meeting minutes. Dustin Melius seconded the motion. Carried.
6. Bookkeepers report		Yes	review and approve	5 min.	Frank Hendrix made a motion to approve the January 2010 Bookkeeper's Report. Dustin Melius seconded the motion. Carried.
7. Bills to Approve		Yes	review and approve	5 min.	Frank Hendrix made a motion to approve the Bills to Approve Report. Bill Gillespie seconded the motion. Carried.
8. Mail		No	information	5 min.	Justin is now an NRCS planner. He completed and passed his course.
					Kara Keibler from FCD sent an email to several Eastern Wa CD managers discussing the WOW program and asking for letter of support for the WOW program and how valuable it is. Bill Gillespie made motion to write letter of support. Frank Hendrix seconded the motion. Carried.

					Frank Hendrix discussed a letter from Representatives Charles Ross (14th District) and David Taylor (15th District) asking Governor Gregoire to direct the DOE to release the phase 2 funding for the Pine Hollow Reservoir Construction EIS funds.
9. NRCS Report				5 min.	Corey discussed this month's NRCS report and the programs that NRCS is involved in.
10. Staff Reports					
	Brian Schmidt		information	10 min.	Brian reported on this year's Spring plant sale. The brochures are out. This is NYCD's 13th year. It is a slow but steady pace for orders. We've sold \$2,200 in plants so far. Advertised in FSA's and our Newsletter and on the web site.
					Brian reported that the Swart property project is in full swing. Wildlands Inc. will be mobilized on the 8th. Mike shared photos of the project. Brian hopes they will be finished by the end of this week or start of next week. The WCC crew has been kept very busy in the last 5 weeks.
	Jeremy Lieb		information	10 min.	Jeremy discussed status on Cowiche Creek Water Users piping project. YTID postponed their vote and will have a special meeting on March 2 to carry that out. Shared letters of support for project to YTID from BOR and David Child with the irrigation districts.
					Jeremy needed and received a motion from Bill Gillespie to pre-authorize sending out bid packets to start the CCWU piping project, providing there is positive vote from the YTID. Frank Hendrix seconded the motion. Carried.
					Frank Hendrix made a motion for prior authorization to purchase pipe for the CCWUA Project. Bill Gillespies seconded the motion. Carried.
					Discussed Matson project update. Jeremy is hopeful that the project will get done this year.

					Discussed nuances of the upcoming Firewise Program. Jeremy met with Frank and Karen Freshwater and worked on Firewise protection plan. Bill Gillespie made motion to employ a WCC crew for six months to carry out the Firewise protection plan project doing assessments and chipping. \$50,000 will be expended for the WCC crew and will be reimbursable through the National Fire Protection Grant. Frank Hendrix seconded the motion. Carried. The Grant is complete but not "in hand" for the meeting. Bill Gillespie made motion to purchase the "Bandit 250 Chipper" as spec'ed out by the 410/12 steering committee for approximately \$38,000 plus tax and shipping. Frank Hendrix seconded the motion. Carried.
	Jackie Whitnall		information	10 min.	Jackie asked Frank Hendrix to express his opinion on the state auditor's exit report. He thought it was an excellent audit.
					Jackie requested a time for two members of the Board to meet with her for an internal audit. Two board members will meet at 1:30 P.M. on March 17, 2010 to perform the internal audit.
					Jackie reported on the status of the 2010 Newsletter and web site.
					Jackie discussed election process status.
	Michael Tobin		information	10 min.	Discussed letter the Board would like to create, regarding Bull Trout Critical Habitat. The Board would like to send this letter to other conservation districts and to all of the State and Federal representatives. Frank Hendrix made a motion to mail the letter to these entities and representatives when it is complete. Bill Gillespie seconded the motion. Carried.
					Board discussed need for a supervisor handbook. Mike will discuss this at WADE since he will be a facilitator of the Administrative track this year in which this subject will be addressed.
	Justin Bader		information	10 min.	Mike gave an update on Justin's behalf on his activities related to YTAHP.
15. Adjourn	Board Chairman		adjourn		Board meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.